

Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce

Board Meeting, September 7, 2023

Attendees: Gail McWatters, Samantha Gargas, Austin Dean, Tim Davies, Bill Kegeize, Jenny Caughorn, Brent Huston, Leeann Dufendock, Mitch Hoyles, Mark Stahl, Denny Mock, Jessica Grechowiak, Jennifer Fording Thomas Bergman and Marsha Lee.

The meeting was opened by President Gail McWatters.

Minutes were reviewed and approved by a motion by Austin Dean, seconded by Jenny Caughorn

Treasurer Report: was approved by a motion by Marsha, seconded by Gail.

Executive Board update: 2024 Membership renewals will go out in October. Annual Dinner will be November 2. Nominations for awards will be coming out.. Insurance coverage for all events are updated.. The Chamber won \$250 from the Athletic Boosters and donated it back. Sam and Austin will be part of the Scholarship Committee

Financial Committee no report

Administrator Thomas Bergman September 12 will be the final bids for the bike path. The Village was awarded a grant for the new playground that will be back by the ball fields, no tax dollars were spent on the playground equipment. A survey has gone out on the Talk of Genoa facebook page for designs for the water towers. Mayor Huston spoke at the Senior Center to make them aware of what is going on.

School: Mr. Mock stated Cody McPherson indicated enrollment is up, there are about 200 in open enrollment.

County: Update/Commissioners :This is budget season also sales tax is very strong. There was a cyber attack at the County and safeguards have been added. Elmore is working on a water extension from Materion.

OCIC: Experience Ottawa County had 200 in attendance. All had a great time despite the weather. The STNA and skilled trades classes are going well with about 26 or so students. State 53 is getting a new roundabout and OCIC is helping the business at this location since the exit is closed.

Churches: St Johns and Trinity UM will host a concert by Avenue. The concert will be held at St. Johns on Sept. 17th.

Library is asking for Halloween costumes to be dropped off to be given to children in need. Also they are selling a cookbook for \$15.00. Tech help is available on Tuesdays 9:30-1:30 and September is library card sign up month.

Car Show : Had a good season with no rain outs.

Remaining Chamber Spotlights: October Makers on Main Birthday Party
November
December

Next meeting is October 5, 2023

Last Farmer's Market October 10th

With no further business, a motion by Austin, seconded by Jenny to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Lee, Secretary